State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Nomination for Waters Important to Anadromous Fish

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| Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway 247-60- 10246 | | | | | | | |
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MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

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DATE:

11/13/97

SUBJECT: Seward Highway minnow trapping--Bird (mile 99) to Ingram Creek

(mile 75).

As requested by Lance Trasky, I Sampled water bodies along a portion of the Seward Highway for the presence of juvenile anadromous fish. A total of 32 minnow traps were set at 30 sites between mile 76 and mile 99. Nineteen traps were set on July 1 (Tables 1 and 2; Figures 1, 2, and 3), eleven traps were set on the July 14(Tables 1 and 3; Figures 2 and 3), and two traps were set on July 17 (Table 1 and 3; Figure 2). A total of 36 cohos were captured in six sets at five set sites. Numerous stickleback were caught at twenty-four set sites. Eleven adipose fin-clipped cohos were captured at one location; total from two sets made at the same location on different dates (Table 1).

A breakdown of the coho capture sites follows:

-Two traps, sets 1-14, 1-16 (Tables 1 and 2; Figure 3)), were set at the inlet of a culvert. Two traps, sets 14-10 and 17-1 (Tables 1 and 3; Figure), were set in the culvert. Sets 14-10 and 17-1 were made at the same location on different dates. Eight fin clipped cohos were captured in set 14-10 and nine fin clipped cohos were captured in set 17-1. Cohos were observed prior to setting traps.

- -One trap (set 1-12) was set 50' upstream of the culvert inlet. This trap was set in an extremely silty tide gut; no fish were observed prior to making the set.
- -One trap (set 1-3) was set in a clear water pond where numerous smolt size jumpers were observed.

Smolt size jumpers were observed, but no anadromous fish were captured, at set sites 1-2, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 14-1, 14-2, and 14-9. Also smolt size jumpers have been observed in the vicinity of the sets made west of the Placer River (sets 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7). No anadromous fish were captured in these sets on this survey.

Set numbers 1-3, 1-12, 1-14, 1-16, 14-10, and 17-1 captured fish in waters not cataloged as anadromous fish habitat. These waters will be nominated for inclusion in the anadromous waters catalog.

An adult/jack (?) jumper, approximately 15-18", was observed at the mile 88.1 pond

Coho captured at the culvert sites may be transitory Turnagain Arm residents.

Four fin clipped cohos were presented to Paul Cyr (Sportfish Division) for shipment to the tag lab in Juneau.

cc: Lance Trasky Stewart Seaburg

TABLE 1
Seward Highway
Minnow Trap Catch Data

7/1/97 (See Table 2 for set location/milepost and set location description.)

| Set # | Time Set | Time Pulled | Set duration | <u>Catch</u> | | Coho Length | Figure |
|-------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | <u>coho</u> | stickleback | <u>(mm)</u> | |
| 1-1 | 0810 | 1031 | 2 hr 21 min | 0 | 0 | NA | 1 |
| 1-2 | 0815 | 1040 | 2 hr 25 min | 0 | 6 | NA | 1 |
| 1-3 | 0820 | 1050 | 2 hr 30 min | 2 | 30 | 146,147 | 1 |
| 1-4 | 0840 | 1100 | 2 hr 20 min | 0 | 3 | NA | 1 |
| 1-5 | 0910 | 1108 | 1 hr 58 min | 0 | 0 | NA | 1 |
| 1-6 | 0925 | 1125 | 2 hr 00 min | 0 | 10 | NA | 2 |
| 1-7 | 0932 | 1135 | 2 hr 02 min | 0 | 1 | NA | 2 |
| 1-8 | 0936 | 1140 | 2 hr 04 min | 0 | 0 | NA | 2 |
| 1-9 | 0945 | 1153 | 2 hr 08 min | 0 | 7 | NA | 2 |
| 1-10 | 0955 | 1329 | 3 hr 34 min | 0 | 2 | NA | 2 |
| 1-11 | 1005 | 1333 | 3 hr 28 min | 0 | 11 | NA | 2 |
| 1-12 | 1104 | 1530 | 3 hr 30 min | 7 | 0 | 56,66,80,112,114,127,138 | 1 |
| 1-13 | 1200 | 1357 | 2 hr 53 min | 0 | 35 | NA | 3 |
| 1-14 | 1215 | 1415 | 2 hr 00 min | 5 | 10 | 69,84,89,105,138 | 3 |
| 1-15 | 1218 | 1420 | 2 hr 02 min | 0 | 15 | NA | 3 |
| 1-16 | 1228 | 1428 | 2 hr 00 min | 5 | 15 | 58,62,64,68,72 | 3 |
| 1-17 | 1230 | 1430 | 2 hr 00 min | 0 | 30 | NA | 3 |
| 1-18 | 1339 | 1459 | 1 hr 20 min | 0 | 25 | NA | 2 |
| 1-19 | 1420 | 1452 | 32 min | 0 | 0 | NA | 3 |

7/14/97 (See Table 3 for set location/milepost and set location description.)

| Set # | Time Set | Time Pulled | Set Duration | <u>Catch</u> <u>Coho</u> <u>stickleback</u> | | Coho Length (mm) | |
|-------|----------|-------------|--------------|--|----|-------------------------|---|
| 14-1 | 1040 | 1255 | 2 hr 15 min | 0 | 80 | NA | 3 |
| 14-2 | 1045 | 1258 | 2 hr 13 min | 0 | 6 | NA | 3 |
| 14-3 | 1108 | 1315 | 2 hr 07 min | 0 | 40 | NA | 3 |
| 14-4 | 1130 | 1332 | 2 hr 02 min | 0 | 0 | NA | 3 |
| 14-5 | 1135 | 1335 | 2 hr 00 min | 0 | 20 | NA | 3 |
| 14-6 | 1140 | 1340 | 2 hr 00 min | 0 | 3 | NA | 3 |
| 14-7 | 1147 | 1347 | 2 hr 00 min | 0 | 3 | NA | 3 |
| 14-8 | 1226 | 1423 | 1 hr 57 min | 0 | 20 | NA | 2 |
| 14-9 | 1238 | 1436 | 1 hr 58 min | 0 | 25 | NA | 2 |
| 14-10 | 1246 | 1440 | 1 hr 54 min | 8** | 6 | 100,105,110,111,123,000 | 2 |
| 14-11 | 1248 | 1446 | 1 hr 58 min | 0 | 20 | NA | 2 |

7/17/97 (See Table 3 for set location/milepost and set location description.)

| Set# | Time Set | Time Pulled | Set Duration | <u>Catch</u> | | Coho Length | |
|------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| | | | | <u>Coho</u> | stickleback | <u>(mm)</u> | |
| 17-1 | 0830 | 1715 | 9 hr 45 min | 9*** | 15 | NA | 2 |
| 17-2 | 0830 | 1715 | 9 hr 45 min | 0 | 25 | NA | 2 |

^{**}Five fin (adipose clipped) cohos caught in set.

^{***}Six fin (adipose clipped) cohos caught in set.

Table 2 Seward Highway Minnow Trap Set Location Site Description/Comments

<u>7\1\97</u>

| <u>Set # 1</u> | <u>Mile</u> | Site Description\Comments |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| 1-1 9 | 97.6 | Clear water beaver pond at head of silty tide gut; set at NE end.* |
| 1-2 9 | 98.1 | Clear water pond; set at NE end; numerous juvenile jumpers.* |
| 1-3 9 | 98.1 | Clear water pond; set at E end; numerous juvenile jumpers.* |
| 1-4 9 | 98.6 | Clear water pond W of sites 1-2/1-3; Drains through same culvert as set 1-2/1-3 site; set at W end of pond.* |
| 1-5 9 | 97.1 | Clear water beaver pond (landlocked ?); N side highway. |
| 1-6 9 | 90.8 | Clear water marsh; set at NE side of railroad/highway intersection.** |
| 1-7 8 | 89.5 | Clear water marsh\wetland;NE side highway; Glacier Creek watershed.** |
| 1-8 8 | 89.5 | Clear water ditch on SW side highway; Glacier Creek watershed.*** |
| 1-9 8 | 88.3 | Clear water pond; set at N end of pond; smolt size jumpers in center.** |
| 1-10 8 | 87.0 | Clear water pond; set at W end of pond; smolt size jumpers on E side.** |
| 1-11 8 | 87.0 | Clear water pond; set at E end of pond; smolt size jumpers on E side.** |
| 1-12 9 | 97.8 | Muddy tide gut that drains beaver pond in which set 1-1 was placed; set 50' upstream of culvert inlet.* |
| 1-13 8 | 85.0 | Clear water pond; set at S end pond.** |
| 1-14 8 | 83.2 | Clear water pond; N pond of two ponds at mile 83.2; set at culvert inlet.* |
| 1-15 8 | 83.2 | Semi clear water pond; S pond of two ponds at mile 83.2; set at culvert inlet.* |
| 1-16 8 | 81.9 | Semi clear water slough; NE side of highway; set at culvert inlet.** |
| 1-17 8 | 81.9 | Semi Clear water slough; NE side of highway; set 100' above culvert inlet.** |
| 1-18 8 | 87.0 | Clear water pond; set at culvert inlet.** |
| 1-19 8 | 83.2 | Semi clear water channel that drains pond in which trap 1-15 was set; set 15' below RR culvert and 25' above highway culvert.** |

- * -Flows beneath highway and railroad.
- ** -Flows beneath highway only.
- ***-Does not flow beneath highway or railroad.

Table 3 Seward Highway Minnow Trap Set Location Site Description/comments

7/14/97

| <u>Set #</u> | <u>Mile</u> | Site Description/Comments |
|--------------|----------------|---|
| 14-1 | 85.0 | Clear water pond; set at N end of pond; smolt size jumpers.** |
| 14-2 | 85.0 | Clear water pond; set at S end of pond; smolt size jumpers.** |
| 14-3 | 81.2 | Clear water marsh/wetland; NE side of railroad/highway; numerous gulls/terns; Twenty mile River watershed.*** |
| 14-4 | 77.0 waters | Clear water marsh/wetland; S side of highway; Placer River shed.*** |
| 14-5 | 76.5 waters | Clear water marsh/wetland; S side of highway; Placer River shed.*** |
| 14-6 | | Clear water marsh/wetland; S side of highway; Placer River shed.*** |
| 14-7 | 75.8 waters | Clear water marsh/wetland; S side of highway; Placer River shed.*** |
| 14-8 | 87.0 | Clear water pond; set along N shore.** |
| 14-9 | 88.3 jumpe | Clear water pond; set along N shore; smolt size jumpers; adult |
| 14-10 | | Clear water pond; set in culvert mouth; smolt visible in culvert; smolt mpers; adult jumper;.** |
| 14-11 | | Clear water pond; set 10' upstream culvert mouth; smolt visible in t; smolt size jumpers in pond; adult jumper in pond.** |
| 7/17/ | <u>97</u> | |
| 17-1 | 88.1 | Repeat of set # 14-10. |

* -Flows beneath highway and railroad.

17-2 88.1 Repeat of set # 14-11.

- ** -Flows beneath highway only.
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